

II. Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An airbag module and instrument panel assembly ~~Instrument panel~~ for a motor vehicle ~~comprising of~~ having at least one ventilation outlet and a ventilation duct attached thereto and arranged behind ~~[[the]]~~ an instrument panel, ~~further comprising of~~ and an airbag module which is fastened behind ~~[[said]]~~ the instrument panel and ~~[[has]]~~ having a gas generator and a folded airbag ~~arranged within its housing, wherein an~~ and further having a ventilation outlet opening, which is closed by a ~~covering grill that opens when said airbag module is triggered, is provided within said instrument panel for said unfolding airbag,~~ characterized in that said, the assembly comprising the airbag module (46) is arranged adjacent to ~~[[said]]~~ the ventilation duct (42) in such a manner that, when ~~[[said]]~~ the airbag module (46) is triggered, ~~[[said]]~~ the airbag (48) unfolds into ~~[[said]]~~ the ventilation duct (42) and from there unfolds out of ~~[[said]]~~ the instrument panel (41) through ~~[[said]]~~ the ventilation outlet opening (43, 44), the pressure of ~~[[said]]~~ the unfolding airbag (48) moving away ~~said ventilation outlet (43, 44) the grill~~ arranged within ~~[[said]]~~ the instrument panel (41).

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 1, ~~characterized further comprising in that the a~~ housing wall of ~~said~~ the airbag module (46) ~~that is adjacent to~~ is adjacent to ~~[[said]]~~ the ventilation duct (42) forms a dividing wall for ~~[[said]]~~ the ventilation duct (42) and, when ~~[[said]]~~ the airbag module (46) is triggered, the dividing wall moves into ~~[[said]]~~ the

ventilation duct (12) in such a manner that there is formed an escape channel (40) leading from ~~[[said]]~~ the airbag module (16) to ~~[[said]]~~ the ventilation outlet (13, 14).

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 1, characterized further comprising in that ~~said~~ the dividing wall of ~~said~~ the ventilation duct (12) ~~adjacent~~ is adjacent to ~~[[said]]~~ the airbag module (16) ~~forms and forms~~ a housing wall for ~~said~~ the airbag module (16) and that, when ~~[[said]]~~ the airbag module (16) is triggered, ~~said mutual~~ the dividing wall / ~~housing wall~~ (23) moves into ~~[[said]]~~ the ventilation duct (12) in such a manner that there is formed an escape channel (40) leading from ~~[[said]]~~ the airbag module (16) to ~~[[said]]~~ the ventilation outlet (13, 14).

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 3, characterized further comprising in that ~~[[said]]~~ the airbag module (16) is arranged laterally next to ~~[[said]]~~ the ventilation duct (12) and that ~~said~~ the dividing and housing wall (23) swings into ~~[[said]]~~ the ventilation duct (12) around a fixed point (24) ~~located far from the instrument panel (11).~~

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 3 or 4, characterized further comprising in that ~~said the~~ ventilation outlet (13, 14) partially overlaps ~~[[said]]~~ the airbag module (16) and that ~~that~~ that a region of ~~[[said]]~~ the dividing ~~and housing~~ wall (23) that faces ~~said the~~ instrument panel (11) ~~demonstrates~~ forms a diagonal kink (25) leading to ~~[[that]]~~ an edge of ~~said the~~ ventilation outlet (13) located ~~[[on]]~~ adjacent the module, ~~side, said~~

~~mutual and the~~ dividing and housing wall running behind ~~[[said]] the~~ ventilation outlet (13, 14).

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 5, characterized further comprising in that ~~[[said]] the~~ kink (25) is dimensioned in such a manner that ~~said the~~ kink (25) fits into place on the an opposite edge (26) of ~~said the~~ ventilation outlet (13) during the swinging of ~~said the~~ dividing and housing wall (23), thus forming and delimiting ~~said the~~ escape channel (40) for ~~said the~~ unfolding airbag (18).

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 3, characterized further comprising in that ~~[[said]] the~~ airbag module (16) is arranged on ~~the a~~ side of ~~said a~~ ventilation duct (12) opposite ~~[[said]] the~~ instrument panel (11).

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 7, characterized further comprising in that ~~[[said]] the~~ airbag module (16) is designed L-shaped with ~~one~~ a first section (30) located laterally next to ~~[[said]] the~~ ventilation duct and ~~one~~ a second section (29) located on the side of ~~[[said]] the~~ ventilation duct (12) opposite ~~[[said]] the~~ instrument panel (11), ~~[[said]] the~~ ~~mutual~~ dividing and housing walls (23) of ~~[[said]] the~~ ventilation duct (12) adjacent to ~~[[said]] the~~ airbag module (16) being integrally joined together and swinging into ~~[[said]] the~~ ventilation duct (12) when ~~[[said]] the~~ airbag module (16) is triggered.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to ~~one of the claims claim 1 to 8,~~ characterized further comprising in that a partition wall (20) arranged within ~~[[said]] a~~ housing (17) of ~~[[said]] the~~ airbag module (16) divides ~~[[said]] the~~ airbag (18), which is folded into ~~said the~~ housing (17), into ~~two folding packages (21, 22)~~ a first and second package, ~~one the first~~ folding package (21) being arranged adjacent to ~~[[said]] the~~ ventilation outlet (13).

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 9, characterized further comprising in that ~~[[said]] the~~ first folding package (21) adjacent to ~~[[said]] the~~ ventilation outlet (13) has a smaller dimension than ~~[[said]] the~~ second folding package (22) and acts as a starting bubble for the pulling out ~~[[said]] of the~~ second folding package (22) when ~~[[said]] the~~ airbag module (16) is triggered.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 9 ~~or 10,~~ characterized further comprising in that the ~~fitting arrangement of a plurality of~~ partition walls (20) wall divides ~~[[said]] the~~ folded airbag (18) into ~~a plurality of~~ the first and second folding packages.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to ~~one of the claims claim 1~~ ~~[[to 11]],~~ characterized further comprising in that a holding device (32, 34) attaches ~~[[said]] the~~ airbag module (16) to ~~[[said]] the~~ ventilation duct (12) and fastens it the airbag module to the interior of ~~[[said]] the~~ instrument panel (14).

13. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to ~~one of the claims claim 1~~ claim 1 ~~[[to 12]], characterized further comprising~~ in that a ~~foil (31)~~ cover covers and holds ~~[[said]] the~~ the airbag (18) in the vicinity where ~~[[said]] the~~ the airbag module (16) is connected to ~~said mutual the~~ the dividing and housing wall (23), ~~[[said]] the~~ the airbag being folded into ~~[[said]] the~~ the housing (47) and ~~said foil tearing open the cover opening~~ when ~~[[said]] the~~ the airbag (18) unfolds and lying down as protection between ~~[[said]] the~~ the airbag (18) and the edges of ~~[[said]] the~~ the ventilation outlet (13, 14).

14. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to ~~one of the claims claim 1 to 13~~ claim 1 to 13, characterized ~~further comprising~~ in that predetermined breaking lines separate ~~the vicinity of said a segment of the~~ the instrument panel (41) adjacent to ~~[[said]] the~~ the ventilation outlet (13, 14) from the ~~[[rest]] remainder~~ the of ~~[[said]] the~~ the instrument panel so that ~~said the~~ the unfolding airbag (18) ~~separates, separates the segments~~ from ~~[[said]] the remainder of the~~ the instrument panel (41), and both the separated ~~region~~ segment and ~~[[said]] the~~ the ventilation outlet (13, 14) ~~acting as~~ form an escape hole for ~~[[said]] the~~ the airbag (18).